

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 2135

S/N 10/073,772

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Jaap Andre Haitsma et al.

Examiner: Paula Klimach

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Title: ROBUST HASHING OF MULTIMEDIA CONTENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Applicants request reconsideration of the advisory action mailed on July 28 2006.

Examiner Klimach is thanked for the opportunity to discuss the Advisory Action on August 7 2006.

This request is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the advisory action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 6, 2006 to August 7, 2006.

As discussed, Applicants respectfully submit that the Advisory Action mailed on July 28, 2006 was improper as no new issues were raised in the Response to the Final Office Action.

In response to the Final Office Action, the Applicants cancelled the rejected claims in order to expedite allowance of this application. The rejected claims will be pursued in a continuation application.

Further, in response to the Final Office Action, minor amendments were made to the allowed claim 18 merely to remove the reference letters (a-e) in the claims. In (e), reference was made to (b) and, accordingly, the Applicants replaced the indirect reference to searching (“each stored hash value found in step (b)”) with a direct reference (“in response to the searching”). Clearly the stored hash value is in response to the searching in (b) which includes the phrase “searching in the database the stored hash values....”

Thus, Applicants submit that no new issues have been added or raised. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the Advisory Action is inappropriate and earnestly request withdrawal of the Advisory Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Request for Reconsideration, Applicants request the Examiner contact the Applicants’ representative, Garth Vivier, at 1.408.278.4041.

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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Respectfully submitted,

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